Oakville

Oakville, Aug. 31.- Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin visited her father, A. M. Goodman Sunday.

On Saturday Mrs. Maurice Williams and children and Miss Joyce Williams, of Cifax, Va. and Mr. and Mrs. David Martin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Martin, Sr.

Mrs. O. W. Martin Sr. gave a party at her home Saturday evening, for the Intermediate Sunday School Class of Trinity Church.

Mrs. E. B. Martin is bac khome after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Worthley Taylor, of Kingsport, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard and family and Mr. and Mrs. James Martin and family spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bethel in Lynchburg.

Tommy Drinkard spent a week with his aunt, Mrs. Burnette Smith in Lynchburg.

Jane Smith visited in the home of her grandmother, Mrs. E. B. Martin last week.

Gail Drinkard spent last week with Mrs. Lonnie Reynolds, near Liberty Chapel.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Martin and daughter have moved back into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Martin. We are glad to hear that they are going to build a home here soon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Cox and Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dinkins and son visited Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rogers visited his grandmother, Mrs. Daisy Rogers last week, one afternoon.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Page Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wells and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Page and Jean.

Barry Lee Wells is spending this week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Page.

Mrs. Irving Ayers and children spent last Tuesday with her mother, Mrs. Jim Reid, at Appomattox.

Lt. Charles F. Linamen left this week after spending fifteen days with his family in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smith. Mrs. Linamen accompanied him to Langley Field. They spent several days with his parents at Warren, Ohio, while he was in.

Little Dicky Adams, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Adams, who has been sick for several weeks, is improving.

Priest Witnesses 'Unusual' Deeds Of Busy 'Spirit'

LIVELY GROVE, ILL.—A Roman Catholic priest has expressed belief that mysterious happenings at a farm near here centering on 11-year-old Jerome Greten "might have been the work of his guardian angel."

The Rev. Edward Dahmus, parish priest at near-by St. Libory, said in reply to a question, "I couldn't say that it was a miracle, only that it was very unusual."

Father Dahmus described Jerome as "a normal boy, who would not be considered especially religious."

The priest made an investigation at the home and reported a spirit wrote brief answers to questions he asked in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Greten and several neighbors. This happened on several occasions, Father Dahmus said.

The priest said the messages were written on paper in Jerome's room after the paper and a pencil had been placed between the boy's bed and the wall. None of the messages was written while persons in the room were looking at the paper and pencil, he added.

The "spirit manifestations" first began the night of May 1 with a knocking on Jerome's bed. They occurred almost every night until early in June, when they suddenly stopped, members of the family reported. The Gretens are parents of nine other children.

Father Dahmus said the spirit wrote that it loved "Mary, the Mother of God," and when asked whether it had ever been on earth in bodily form, answered "X—Yes."

The priest added that when he asked for the name of the spirit the letter "X" appeared on the paper.

The pencil was thrown across the floor on several occasions, the priest said, when questions that might be considered improper were asked.

Father Dahmus, 70, declined to say whether he has received any comment from Bishop Albert Zurroweste, Belleville, Ill., on the matter. The priest submitted a written report on his investigation to the bishop, who made no statement on the matter.

Woman Defeats Burglar By Using Butcher Knife

CHICAGO.—A five-foot woman manager of a downtown candy shop used a butcher knife to fight off a husky holdup man wielding a penknife.

Two policemen captured Charles Sanders, 23, after a short chase from the Dutch Mill candy shop. He had taken $14 before he fled.

Sanders is six feet tall and weighs 210 pounds. The manager, Mrs. Elizabeth Bergstrand, 52, who weighs 100 pounds, struggled with Sanders briefly, then ran to the street, shouting a holdup was in progress. He fled after her. In their scuffle she suffered a small finger cut.

The man gave his address as San Antonio, Tex. Police said he told them he came here from Texas and had robbed another candy store of $15.

Beavers Get Credit For Conservation Work

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y.—Three pairs of beavers brought to this area in 1920 by the Palisades interstate park commission as an experiment are making it possible for thousands of city families to enjoy outdoor meals beneath canopies of lush green foliage despite the record drought.

Capt. Sterling Gassaway of the Palisades interstate park police said the lakes made at beaver ponds were keeping near-by foliage in excellent condition.

Henry James, administrative director for the park comission, said this was the first large-scale proof of the conservation value of the commission's long range plan for drought protection.

"Depressions from the Ice Age left natural hollows for lakes and ponds," James said. "The beavers were placed near these spots and they dammed up water to form waterholes. The park authorities built twenty-six lakes at such sites and the beavers went ahead to select new natural sites."

Vera

Vera, Aug. 30.- Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robertson and son, of Washington, D. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hamilton, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mrs. T. H. Robertson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault and daughter, Jeannette spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jennings, of Charlotte Court House.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Chernault and son, Gene spent the week-end with Mrs. J. T. Evans, of Thaxton.

Misses Wanda and Ethel Chernault spent Sunday with Miss Mazie Harvey.

Miss Audrey Page spent Sunday with friends in Richmond.

Pvt. Pete Harris, of Fort Benning, Ga. spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Chernault.

Miss Mazie Harvey spent Monday night with Wanda and Ethel Chernault.

Miss Sally Lou Chernault is visiting Miss Verna Smith.

Fire Department Called To Cool off Turkeys

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—The fire department was called out to cool off 6,000 turkeys.

As the mercury climbed to 100 degrees, 500 gobblers on Adam Martin's near-by farm keeled over and died.

Martin, already out $2,500 worth of birds, put in a hurry call to city officials. They sent out a fire truck. The firemen spent the rest of the afternoon shooting cooling streams of water into the air and over the survivors.

Appomattox football team to open against Presbyterian Orphanage.

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FATHER OF DARKLEAF

By The Editor

Mother Brightleaf is very considerate about airing her troubles. One of the items constantly causing her trouble in her housekeeping duties is the great pile-up of trash and papers massed on our humble table. It's a rather large table, will a tall shelf. We keep up a steady stream of promises to clean off the table, but if and when it is cleaned, it is quickly cluttered up again.

This table serves as a sort of office, pantry and library. On it is a radio, a lamp to supplement the bedlamp, note paper, note book, pen box, scissors, 3 pencils, a tube of Bertholaium, assorted clippings, and bins for ideas on news,editorial, items, Sunday School class, radio, and always: a box of cookies!

And the stack of magazines. We do not subscribe to any magazine, but late copies are always stacked on this table: Readers Digest, Coronet, Pageant, Living, Best Years, Everyday, Irish Digest, Catholic Digest, Graphic Arts Monthly, Quote, The New Yorker, Harpers, Judy's, Atlantic Monthly, Esquire, Holiday, Life, Notes, and the Adult Sunday School Quarterly.

But it is the books that really fill the space. There is a Bible we have had since 1922, now minus its cover and half the leaves out of place; and a New Testament in somewhat better shape. Thick with clippings and Bristol's Notes. There is a well worn copy of Shakespeare, a volume of Robert Burns, one of William Wordsworth, a Shelley and a Byron. Old Beacon Lights of History, by Fuller; World History, by Fueter; Emerson's Essays, Collected Poems of Alfred Noyes, Youth and the New World, by Bozz; Poems of Pleasure, by Ella Wheeler Wilcox; the Analects of Confucius; The New World, by Bruce and Montgomery; Astronomy for Everybody, by Newcomb; Selected Readings in English Literature, and down at the bottom a volume called, "Along the Shore-line, by one Calvin H. Robinson.

What a table! But there are so many more that should be there! There should be a copy of Leaves of Grass, by Whitman; a volume of Carl Sanburg; and a Thesaurus, and many more. Most of our books are packed up around our office.

Do I read them? Yes, they are old friends. Hardly a page does not have its pencilled notes on the margins. Take Bobby Burns. How could we do without: To a Louse, Lines on J. Lapraick, A Bard's Epitaph, When Green Grow the Rashes, O: Tam O'Shanter, Highland Mary, John Anderson, My Jo; and that rare poem called "On Seeing a Wounded Hare Limp By Me Which A Fellow Had Just Shot At. And to mull over the poems to Jean Armour, and Mary Campbell, etc from the pen of the great Scotch bard always delights.

Just when we think we will just get ahead and put away some of our books, and go through them for one last look-see, we find that it can't be done. Take the Analects of Confucius. This amazing man influenced the lives of nearly 500,000,000 people 2,500 years after his death. He was one of the world's greatest thinkers. He declined to discuss the question of immortality. When asked about spiritual things, he said, "If we cannot know men, how can we know spirits?" So, he worked out a code of ethics for dealing with one's fellow man here and now. A code to his memory stands in all Chinese villages. Like Zeno, he died of frustration, but that to them was immaterial. Your child may obey you for a 50c piece or a promise that he can go to the show tonight, but will he obey you simply because that you ask of him is right and he understands it as such? Perhaps so. But the Analects are worth the reading. To glean from many viewpoints has its merit.

And so through our stack of odds and ends on a burdened bedside table. Some of these days we may clean off the table. Maybe, or yet maybe we will just stack more and more on it - unless Mother Bright-leaf simply throws table and contents out the back door!

"When the year grows chilly, we know Pine and cypress are the last to fade."

Red hair occurs among every race of mankind, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Home Agent's Schedule For Next Week

Home Demonstration Club meetings week of September 9-17:

Friday, Sept. 9.- The Liberty Chapel Home Demonstration Club will hold its annual picnic in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gunter at 6:00 P. M. All members and their families are invited to come and to bring picnic baskets.

Monday, Sept. 12.- The Bethany Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Matt Harvey. The demonstration on meals from home-grown foods will be given by Mrs. B. G. Anderson.

Tuesday, Sept. 13.- Agents work shop on 4-H projects.

Wed., Sept. 14.- The Richwood Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Carter Martin. Note change of hour.

Thurs., Sept. 15.- The Liberty Chapel Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. J. W. Scruggs and Mrs. Charles Scruggs.

Friday, Sept. 16.- The Oakville Home Demonstration Club will meet at 2:00 P. M. with Mrs. Terry Rogers.

4-H Club Schedule:

Monday, Sept. 12.- Oakville 4-H Club at the school, 9:00 A. M.

Vera 4-H Club, at school at 10:45.

Spout Spring 4-H Club at school at 1:30. Stonewall 4-H Club at the school at 2:00 P. M.

Wednesday, September 14.- The Pamplin 4-H Club, at the school at 9:00 A. M. Evergreen Club at the school at 10:30. Appomattox Junior Club, at the school at 1:20. Appomattox Senior Club at the school at 2:10.

Friday, Sept. 16.- Appomattox County 4-H Club Council will meet in the office of the home agent at 9:00 A. M.

The nation's production of goats' milk is valued at $100,000,000 a year.

Coal sometimes ignites spontaneously in a shaft, the phenomenon being called a "gob fire."

The Red Sea was important in Egyptian seaborne commerce as early as 2,000 B. C.

The United States is more than twice as densly populated as Russia.

Greyhounds can average more than 35 miles an hour for more than a quarter-mile.

The word grocer originally meant one who sold by the gross, or whole-sale.

Uncle Sam Says

During the years America was growing up, Grandma hid her savings in the old, cracked teapot, the tin canister, or even that old horse-hair mattress. This was the hard way to save and her denials of many things to build those savings sometimes came to naught. Thieves, fire or other hazards wiped out her savings in a jiffy. Today we have the finest and surest safe ever invented to build security for the future—the U. S. Savings Bonds Plan. This means you can put aside, every pay day, part of what you earn by signing up for the Payroll Savings Plan where you work, or, if self-employed, the Bond-a-Month Plan where you bank. Either way, you get back $4 for every $3 invested in just ten years.

U.S. Treasury Department

A grizzly bear may attain the length of 9 feet and weigh 1,000 pounds.

James Heads New Council

The new Appomattox Town Council took office on Monday night this week. The council consits of three old members and three new members. Dr. Charles F. James was named president of the council and is acting mayor during the absence of Mayor G. B. Buchanan.

Evans Back From F H A Conference

Hunter P. Evans, County Supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration at Rustburg, which serves Appomattox and Campbell Counties, returned this week from a state-wide conference held in Roanoke on August 31 and September 1 to review program activities of the Administration for the ensuing year. Better farming, better living and better citizenship on the part of the families served was the theme of the two-day conference of county and state office personnel. State Director R. O. Delano said in his opening remarks that families on the FHA program, in order to be helped to the maximum must receive the best in improved methods and scientific development. "Thousands of Virginia families have come to the agency for help," Delano explained. "They came with few assets other than their labor, integrity and ambition to better their lot. The greatest thing we have done for them has been to help them to help themselves. We will not be satisfied until they can produce the maximum crops, livestock and livestock products that good farming methods will enable them to produce profitably per acre or per unit."

WHEAT GROWERS URGED TO COOPERATE UNDER ALLOTMENTS

With the fall seeding of next year's wheat crop not too far away, Virginia growers were reminded that marketing quotas on future crops will depend largely on how well they comply under the 1950 acreage allotment program. This statement came from R. B. Bridgeforth, chairman of the State Committee of the Production and Marketing Administration, who will administer wheat acreages under the allotment plan.

"If growers this fall plant within their wheat acreage allotments, they will produce in accordance with expected requirements and we won't be saddled with more wheat than we can sell. In this way, it wouldn't be necessary next year to consider using quotas, which provide marketing controls through penalties on excess marketings."

Bridgeforth pointed out that quotas, which must be approved by two-thirds of the growers voting in a referendum before they may be used, were considered probable earlier this year. However, quotas will not be used for the 1950 wheat crop, he said, since the total indicated wheat supply is below the level at which the law says they must be proclaimed. Instead, the Secretary of Agriculture announced a 1950 wheat acreage allotment of about 69 million acres, amounting to a decrease of nearly 17 per cent below that seeded for this year's harvest.

Bennett Harding, chairman of the County A. C. A., said that individual acreage allotments in Appomatox County appear very much in line with farmer's normal acreages and that he felt confident that the local wheat growers would comply with state chairman Bridgeforth's request for cooperation.

The best "catsput" comes from the intestines of lean, ill-fed sheep, horses or mules.

The "shot" in shot-putting originally was just that —a cannon ball.

As recently as two centuries ago 200 crimes were punishable by death under English law.

Franz Joseph Haydn composed more than 400 major compositions during his lifetime.

Eston Harvey Gets Carnegie Study Award

William Eston Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Harvey, of Appomattox, has been granted the Carnegie Feilowship Award for distinguished service in the field of agronomy. He has been county agent in Mecklenburg County for a number of years

Mr. Harvey is one of seven in the United States to receive this award, which entitles him to a year's graduate study at Harvard University.

He will leave on September 20 for Harvard to take up studies in the field of public administration.

Cub Scouts Re-organize

Following an active summer, consisting of swimming and the play ground activities under the direction of Coach Gordon Bragg, Cub Pack 46 is planning to resume its regular activities next week, according to Cubmaster F. F. Carr.

Dens will meet with their Den Mothers and each Club will be notified by card of the time and place of his Den meeting.

September is round-up month for all Cubs. Pack 46 will have its round-up Pack meeting at the Old Court House, September 22, at 5:30 P. M., in the form of a picnic for Cubs, parents and friends. At this Pack meeting new Cubs will be taken into the Pack and there will be games and fun for Cubs and Cubbers.

Pack 46 will be inspected at this meeting by Scout officials from Lynchburg, who will give instructions about the Piedmont Area Council Round-Up to be held in the Stadium at Lynchburg the last week in September, Pack 46 will want to participate in this round-up and make its usual good showing.

September is a big month in Cubbing. Every Cub should be sure to attend his first Den meeting, and take part in round-up activities.

The age limit for Cubs has been lowered. Boys 8, 9, and 10 years of age are now eligible to be Cubs, and boys 11, 12 and 13 Scouts, and boys over 13 may become explorers. Boys who wish to join the Cubs should attend one of the Den meetings or see Cubmaster F. F. Carr.

Paper is thought to have been invented in China about 105 A. D.

FORESTRY EXHIBITS

Displays calling attention to the acute need for conservative handling of Virginia's forests are being installed at over sixty fairs and field days this season, according to an announcement by State Forester George W. Dean. The exhibits are being handled by personnel of the nine Virginia Forest Service district offices, and are in charge of various chief forest wardens.

FOOTBALL PRACTICES

Football practice is under way at the Appomattox High School. The first game here will be with the Presbyterian Orphanage team from Lynchburg September 16.

GRAIN SURVEY BEGINS

Sampling of corn and other grains on about 2,000 Virginia farms, as part of the most extensive crop survey yet made in the nation by professional agricultural workers, will begin the first week in September, Dr. Boyd Harshbarger, statistician for the Experiment Station at V. P. I. has announced.

Cooperators in the survey, which will include North Carolina, are representatives of the State Division of Markets; Henry M. Taylor, Cooperative Crop Reporting Service, Richmond, and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA.

In ancient Greece the athlete's principle diet consisted of fresh cheese.

Cranberry bogs are regularly flooded as a control for certain injurious insects.

Local Mill Razed by Fire Tuesday A. M.

In the largest fire in several years the Hunter Lumber Company suffered a loss of several thousand dollars early Tuesday morning. A blaze of undermined origin gathered headway before discovery at 4:30 A. M. A 75x100 foot building and shed, containing some 25,000 feet of assorted lumber was razed, and a planing mill engine, band saw, cut-off saws, double-end trimmer, conveyor belts and other items of equipment damaged.

Several hundred townspeople assembled to watch the local volunteer firemen fight the fire.

E. D. Tegethoff, of the fire company, entered the cab of a burning truck loaded with lumber, and drove it safely out of danger. The firemen put in several hours of fine work.

Appomattox Has 84 Corn Club Members

Corn clubs, with a membership of almost 4,800, have been organized in Virginia counties this year, says P. H. DeHart, agronomist of VPI.

Aim of the club members is to grow 100 bushels of corn per acre, he explained.

Prizes, including $8,982 in cash, 31 silver cups or trophies, one purebred bull, and several other items, have been offered by 23 different organizations, DeHart said.

In Appomattox County, 84 persons agreed to enter the contest. Committees will be appointed to measure the corn acres in the next week or two. Contestants are requested to leave the corn standing until the committee visits the stand. Cards have been sent to contestants on which they are asked to indicate the number of acres in contest. R. B. Hudgins, County Agent, suggests that these cards be returned immediately.

First prize in Appomattox County is a silver pitcher, which can be seen in the county agent's office. Second prize is $25 in cash, third prize $15, and fourth and fifth prizes, $10 each. Prizes were donated by the Lynchburg Chamber of Commerce, Appomattox Farmers Supply Co., Coleman Feed & Seed Store, Bank of Appomattox, Moses Motor Co., Appomattox Milling Co., Grinels Motor Co. and the Farmers National Bank.

HIGHWAY CONFERENCE PLANNED AT LEXINGTON

A number of Appomattox County officials will be invited to the third annual Virginia Highway Conference scheduled for October 20-21 at the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.

Jointly sponsored by the State Highway Department and VMI's civil engineering department, the conference will bring together an estimated 700 road-conscious officials for a discussion of mutual road and street problems.

MRS. F. W. MacRAE

Mrs. F. W. MacRae, of Hopkinsville, Ky., died on Sunday, September 4. She was the mother of the Rev. J. Howard MacRae, a former pastor of the Appomattox Presbyterian Church.

LIONS CLUB

The regular meeting of the Appomattox Lions Club will be held at 6:45 tonight at Lee Restaurant.

The value of the Arkansas cotton crop last year was more than 300 million dollars.

William Penn's father wrote the first code of tactics for the British Navy.

A growing plant requires access to some 20 chemical elements.

The flesh of the kangaroo is much prized by the natives of Queensland.

County Schools Will Open Tomorrow

Appomattox public schools will open for the 1949-50 session Friday, September 9. White and Negro schools open the same day.

A meeting of all teachers was held at the Appomattox and the Carver High Schools Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Teachers were at their individual schools today to get ready for tomorrow's opening.

Parents are urged to send children out for the first day of the 180-day session and to cooperate in maintaining a high percentage of attendance.

A number of new teachers will be in The system this session, including a new principal, K. E. Kerr, at the Appomattox High School.

Closing date of the session will be Friday, June 2, 1950.

An increase in high chool enrollment is expected, due to the extension to a five-year course, and few graduates last year.

Baseball Series Nears End

Trailing two games to one, Appomattox's Lee Theatre baseball team will play Amherst in the fourth of a best three-out-of-five play-off series at Amherst Sunday afternoon. If a fourth game is necessary it will be played here Monday night.

The Skyline League play-off finals have been delayed by bad weather and limitation of games to weekends, Appomattox won the regular season schedule.

Davidson Goes To Class A League

Crawford Davidson, local baseball player who starred this season with the Norfolk Tars of the Piedmont League, left Tuesday by plane from Lynchburg for Binghamton, N. Y., to finish out this season with that Class A team of the Colonial League. In a Labor Day game this week, Davidson hit four doubles and a singe for Norfolk.

Col. Beall Gets Army Honor

Heidelberg, Aug. 17.- A three-service umpire command under the direction of Brig. Gen. Philip E. Gallagher, EUCOM director of posts, has been organized for "Exercise Harvest," EUCOM announced today. The joint Army, Navy and Air Force maneuvers will take place in Germany September 6-17.

Col. Burns Beall is the deputy chief umpire.

(Note: Col. Beall is a brother of Mrs. W. D. Patterson, of Appomattox).

Umpires will decide effectiveness of the participants' performance and rule out illegal action. Umpires also must be technically and tactically qualified to judge whether a unit has accomplished its assigned mission.

REPORT FROM TEEN-AGER'S

The Jolly Teen-Ager's of Appomattox held their monthly meeting August 28, at the home of Miss Rosa Mae Wooldridge. Worship was conducted by Lois Wood, and then a business meeting was held. Three new members were taken in: Ruth Shupe, Nancy Lee Wooldridge and Connie O'Brien. The girls played croquet until supper time. Supper was served out-of-doors and everything was delicious and enjoyed by all. Before leaving there was a fellowship hour during which many hidden talents were discovered.

The next meeting of the Jolly Teen-Ager's is set for September 13.

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